

WILL RESUME WORK AT PAHOA

Some Main Machinery Not Badly Damaged and Work Will Be Resumed.

MEN SHOW THEIR LOYALTY

Offer to Work for "Kaukau Money" Until Company is Again on Its Feet.

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, February 3.—Although the destruction of the lumber mill and stock of the Pahoa Lumber Company seemed as complete as it possibly could be, J. B. Castle, the owner, and Sol. Sam Johnson, the manager, have not accepted defeat.

They will save out of the wreck whatever they can use, and with this as a modest beginning they will build up gradually the business which had been proven to be a success.

"The company is still in business and will continue to be so," is the word Mr. Castle left in Hililo. "Mr. Johnson will save what he can out of the wreck, and such machinery as can be used will be put into operation as soon as possible. The fire has, of course, not affected our forest operations, and these will continue."

Some Machinery Escaped.

Colonel Johnson reported today that matters look much brighter for the survival of the Pahoa lumber industry than was thought at first after the great fire. G. D. Russell, of the Honolulu Iron Works, last Saturday made an examination of the machinery. He reports that most of it is in such a condition that it can be used. Four boilers and the most important engine can be used right away, and most of the other machinery can be put in use after having been subjected to comparatively inexpensive repairs.

Johnson is now making arrangements to secure money with which to start operations again. He has been able to make a showing which has made a favorable impression on local financiers, and finds, that if it is necessary to start a new company, it will not be difficult to find the money.

Men Show Loyalty.

The plant will be started immediately, as far as possible, to fill the orders on hand. Several of those have been postponed a number of months, the parties who had made them having indicated their willingness to wait. A most pleasing feature is the loyalty of many of the workmen. They have volunteered to work for "kaukau money," \$8 a month, until the company gets on its feet again. There is now virtually no doubt but that operations will be continued.

The decision to continue operations means a great deal to Hililo and Puna. The abandoning of the business would have meant virtually the death of Pahoa, and it would have materially checked the development which Puna is receiving from the Hililo Railroad Company branch, as that received its entire support from Pahoa from the lumber company.

Two Previous Fires.

That the great fire of Wednesday had been preceded by two smaller fires, occurring the previous day, was brought out at the fire inquest which was conducted at Pahoa last Saturday by Sheriff Pua and Deputy County Attorney Heen. Nothing developed, however, as to the cause of any of these fires, and the jury returned a verdict of "causes unknown."

Among the witnesses were Manager Johnson, Archie Hapai, a police officer, Moody, who is a Chinese foreman with a haole name, and several Oriental employees of the mill company.

It developed that about five o'clock Tuesday evening, the police officer saw a fire in the sawdust just outside the room where oil was stored. He called Archie Hapai, Moody and others, and they extinguished the blaze, or thought they did so. Several of the extinguishers would not work, but others did, and water was also used. No sooner had this been done than another smoldering blaze was discovered some ten or fifteen feet away. They also tackled this fire, working on it until it was apparently extinguished.

One of these fires was partly under a platform, but as lumber had been stacked thereon, it was found impracticable to tear out the floor boards, and water was poured through the cracks into the smoke cesspool. The men also thrust their heads down into the sawdust and could feel no heat there. All of the men then left, except Moody, who worked on until he managed to rip up some of the boards. He could find no evidence of fire, and when he examined the same place at about half-past seven that night everything appeared all right. No one made any report of the matter to Johnson.

Watchman Discovered Blaze.

The big fire was first discovered by two Japanese, whose duty it was to keep the fire going for the drying kiln and also to act as watchmen. They said that they saw a light under the saw mill, and when they ran over there, the flames were climbing up the sides of the oil room. The blaze was then not very large and the two men tried to extinguish it without assistance. Failing in this, they raised the alarm, but the flames spread with such amazing rapidity that all efforts to stop them were futile.

The inquest was conducted with only four jurors, namely D. K. Kato, J. C. Kamae, A. J. Moore and Geo. Chalmers. The general idea now is that the fire Tuesday afternoon was not really extinguished, but that the men considered in the sawdust until the time when the great blaze started.

WINS SUIT BUT LOSES MONEY

Territory Will Now Have to Refund Taxes Overcollected from Insurance Men.

The coming legislature may be asked to refund several thousand dollars to the life insurance companies operating in this Territory as a result of a decision handed down by the territorial supreme court yesterday. The opinion is rendered by Chief Justice Robertson and concurred in by Associated Justices Perry and De Bolt.

The action was filed by Henry Hapai, deputy insurance commissioner of the Territory, against the New York Life Insurance Company. Hapai refused to accept the statement of the insurance company regarding net income from business done and levied taxes to the amount of \$2,802.32. The company refused to make the payment and suit was brought by the Territory. The brief was filed by L. P. Scott as deputy attorney general, accompanied by W. W. Thayer as attorney general.

The decision of the court gives the Territory judgment for only \$868.41. The court holds that the insurance company is entitled to demand a release from the Territory of two per cent. on the difference between the amount of the gross premiums \$156,149.21, and the sum of the return premiums and operating expenses, the latter \$59,203.39, which would be \$196,952.60, and therefore gave plaintiff judgment in the sum of \$868.41, the difference between \$196,952.60 and the amount sued for.

When the case was argued in the supreme court the Territory conceded this point, claiming only the amount contained in the judgment as being due the Territory. The decision, therefore, is looked upon as a victory for the Territory.

The insurance company, it appears, maintained that the paying of dividends to policy holders constituted a legitimate item of expense and could be charged against the business done by the company in the returns for taxation purposes.

The paying of dividends to policy holders by insurance companies dates back to about 1906. Since then, it is said, the companies operating in the Territory have been paying a tax upon instead of deducting this expense. It is possible that as a result of the decision by the supreme court yesterday these companies will now ask the legislature to arrange for refunding the taxes which it is now claimed were not legally due. It is only through a legislative act, it is said, that such relief can be secured.

WILL ASK FOR HOME FOR POOR ORPHANS

Humane Society to Appeal to Legislature for Large Sum for Building.

Under the auspices of the Humane Society another campaign will be waged during the next session of the legislature to secure an appropriation of \$50,000 to be used for a building for homeless children. A motion to this effect was carried at the monthly meeting of the Humane Society, held in the Young Hotel yesterday morning, as presented by Mrs. Sanford B. Dole.

At the present time orphan and homeless children are housed at the reform school with youthful offenders, and the last territorial grand jury called attention to the fact that such a condition should not exist and that other provision should be made for their care.

One of the features of the meeting was the report of Miss Rose Davison, the humane officer, but before this was taken up the matter of the summary removal by the board of supervisors of the horse turned over to Miss Davison by the city to assist her in her work, came up.

It appears that under the old board of supervisors the Humane Society was allowed a certain sum by the city each year to assist in paying the salary of the humane officer, and that just before the old board passed out of office, it had loaned Miss Davison a horse, which was not being used by the city, to aid her in her work.

When the new board went in it cut off the appropriation for the Humane Society and ordered that the horse be returned. Without notifying Miss Davison, an employee of the city went out to her house when she was not at home and removed the horse from her stable, and the city has given Miss Davison no receipt for the horse. She was not present at the meeting, owing to illness, but sent a statement of the affair, and the matter will be taken up again at the next meeting.

Miss Davison's report for December and January dealing with cases of animals alone, was read. She stated that during the holiday weeks the condition of animals was much better than during the previous year; that there were not so many cases of overloading or over-driving.

Design for the memorial to Maj. Archibald W. Butt, personal aide to President Taft, and Francis D. Millet, the artist, two Washingtonians, lost with the Titanic, was approved by the President. The memorial, a fountain with a shaft rising from its center, will be on public grounds near the White House. On one side of the shaft will be a figure in bas relief representing Art, and on the other side a figure representing an armed knight. Daniel French, a New York architect, designed the memorial.

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MURDERER LURKING IN FOREST NEAR SCENE OF HIS CRIME IN HAMAKUA

(Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

HILO, February 3.—After having dodged the police for about nine months, Yasuzo Takahashi, the Laupahoehoe murderer, was seen last month in the forests mauka of the place where he committed his crime. He is, however, still at large. Presumably he is trying to emulate the Japanese murderer who was captured in Hamakua a few years ago after he had lived a life like an animal in the forest wilderness for nine years.

Takahashi is charged with having made his kill on the road leading from Laupahoehoe to Papaaloa on May 10 of last year. He had eloped with another man's wife, and was living with her at Laupahoehoe when the outraged husband appeared upon the scene. The woman affected to repent of her evil ways and patched up matters with the husband. That same evening she got the husband to accompany her up the road towards Papaaloa, and here, at a point where the road hangs above the sea with a steep bluff, Takahashi, who had been lying in ambush, killed the husband.

Immediately after the murder Takahashi fled. Some time afterwards several reports reached the police to the effect that he was living in Hamakua. This information was followed up carefully, every precaution being taken that the fugitive should not become aware that his hiding place was being sought. Finally Takahashi was found at Kukaia, where he was working in the plantation stable. The assistant of the police officers who allowed him to escape after they had him penned in a stall, caused the officer in charge of the expedition to lose his job.

Another Getaway.

The last seen of Takahashi was when

he was making tracks through the cane-fields away from Kukaia.

Now Sheriff Pua is cursing the circumstance which has allowed Takahashi to escape once more when his hiding place had been discovered. If the report of the matter which has reached the sheriff is correct, he had good reason for his chagrin.

Last week the report came to Pua that a white man, named Wilbur, who lives at Papaaloa, had seen Takahashi in the forest at Waipunaia, about seven miles from the government road. According to this report, Wilbur saw the fugitive about a month ago, and recognized the man who, before he had fled from justice, had worked in the vicinity, but while Wilbur made his discovery about a month ago, he made no report of the matter to the police until last week. Wilbur was making his way through the virgin forest, when he came across Takahashi. Although Wilbur had a shotgun, he failed to bring in the Japanese, who was unarmed. At least, this is the report of the matter as it has been received by the sheriff.

The Laupahoehoe police set off immediately for the place mentioned by Wilbur. They found the camp which Takahashi had established. There was a rude hut there, built of boughs and fern leaves and a crude stone cooking place had been built, where the man prepared the roots which formed his principal nourishment. The hut showed signs of having been deserted some time ago. Probably Takahashi lit out for other quarters as soon as he saw Wilbur, and it is impossible to say now where he is. There is a reward of a hundred dollars out for Takahashi, so, if the story of Wilbur's actions is straight, that gentleman lost a neat little sum which he might easily have picked up.

AQUARIUM ON WHEELS TO BE ONE BIG FEATURE OF THE WASHINGTON PARADE

"Only fish" is the motto of the bicycle section of the Washington's Birthday parade, and it means that the committee in charge, and the numerous entrants, have decided to make it a fish section, in other words every cycle is to be a fish, or something like one. Under this plan, the cycle section is likely to come into line with some very striking freaks.

"We are going ahead on our own line as far as prizes are concerned," said Hon. A. Q. Marcellino, chairman of the bicycle section, "and there is going to be an aquarium-bicycle section in the parade that will surprise and please everyone who sees it."

There is no limit to the number of

wonderful fish here whose shapes and colors we can use in the decorations of bikes, and they are to be well made use of. The bicycle section of the parade will get back picturesqueness, and it will not be a small section.

"I am receiving, as chairman for this section, a great deal of assistance from the Japanese here. It is due to see how they have entered into the spirit of this celebration of our big national holiday. The enterprise and the spirit they show in the matter is something we should all greatly appreciate. I think that some of the best features of our fish-bicycle section will be entered by Japanese."

As assistant Mr. Marcellino has K. Yoshikawa, and the latter is doing some hustling that will produce big results.

PROPOSED ACT MAY CHECK SMUGGLING

Added Powers for Immigration Men Contemplated in New Federal Statute.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 25.—The powers and jurisdiction of federal immigration inspectors and commissioners will be greatly increased if the conference report on the proposed new federal act to regulate immigration is adopted by the United States senate and house of representatives. There was a disagreement between the senate and house on the bill, and a committee composed of three members of each house was appointed to conciliate the differences. The report of this committee is now ready to be submitted to both houses again, and the action of congress is being eagerly awaited in San Francisco by government officials.

One of the drastic changes provided for in the bill as approved by the committee rules that all Chinese and Japanese aliens be subject to the regulations of the immigration act, instead of the Chinese exclusion act. The change, say government men stationed in San Francisco, is intended to give the immigration men an extended jurisdiction over the Chinese and Japanese, and added to other changes outlined below, will aid materially in checking the smuggling of Chinese on the Pacific Coast.

The new bill also proposes to give immigration inspectors the right to compel the steamship companies to aid in ferreting out undesirable. It provides that masters, inspectors and surgeons of the immigration service shall be stationed on immigration ships at the discretion of the secretary of commerce and labor. It gives to immigration inspectors and masters the right to subpoena witnesses for hearings, and to compel, if necessary, their presence at the time stipulated.

Owners Held Liable.

It provides that for every alien unlawfully brought into the United States on any vessel, the master, agent, owner or consignee of the vessel shall be fined not more than \$1000 and imprisoned for not more than two years. Hitherto the masters of the vessels have shouldered the greater part of the responsibility for smuggling aliens. The bill now permits action against the officials of the transportation companies. It also provides severe penalties for transportation lines which violate the law against advertising for immigrants.

Among other changes proposed are an increase in bond tax from \$4 to \$5, the exclusion of all aliens not eligible for naturalization (including Japanese and Chinese), more rigorous provisions against the illegal entry of women and the deportation of aliens who become criminals within three years subsequent to entry.

One section of the proposed act, especially aimed to check smuggling along

the big liners, requires that the master of a vessel, on entering port, shall deliver to the immigration men a list of all men employed on the vessel, classifying the aliens. In the event an alien escapes to shore, and his escape and desertion are not reported, the owner of the vessel or captain is subject to a fine of ten dollars for each fugitive, and the immigration men are given permission to withhold clearance until the fines are paid.

MAMMOTH CAMP FOR VETERANS AT GETTYSBURG

WASHINGTON, January 22.—Secretary of War Stimson has approved plans formulated by Major James E. Normyle and Capt. H. P. Dalton for the mammoth camp to shelter surviving Union and Confederate veterans, who will meet at Gettysburg battle-field next July to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the battle.

The camp will consist of about 54,000 tents, affording accommodations for between 60,000 and 70,000 veterans. There also will be 200 kitchen tents, a complete divisional field hospital and three fully equipped infirmaries. The camp will spread over 276 acres and will be occupied temporarily by up to 100,000 persons. Congress has appropriated \$150,000 for the celebration, the State of Pennsylvania \$250,000 more and both northern and southern States will make appropriations to defray the transportation expenses of their veterans.

POOR HORSES MENACE U. S. CAVALRY SUCCESS

WASHINGTON, January 28.—Worn out cavalry horses and inefficient Filipino teamsters would prove a menace to American success in the event of a campaign in China or the Philippines, in the opinion of Brigadier General Frederick Funston, commanding the department of Luzon of the Philippine division of the army.

General Funston points out that even where Filipino drivers have the courage they lack self-confidence, strength and skill. "The American teamsters discharged," he says, "have now left the islands and in case of an insurrection or invasion or the necessity of sending an expedition to China will not be available."

The mother and sister of a girl who died of rabies at New Albany, Indiana, kissed her before she died and are now under treatment for the same disease, contracted from her.

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U.S.S. CALIFORNIA CHOSEN AS FLAGSHIP

Rear-Admiral Cowles Will Fly His Flag from the Pearl Harbor Cruiser.

NEW ADMIRAL ON TWENTIETH

Ceremony of Transfer of Naval Station Command Fixed for That Date.

(From Wednesday Advertiser.)

The cruiser California of the Pacific fleet, the first modern warship to pass up Pearl Harbor channel and enter the harbor opposite the naval station, has been selected as his flagship by Rear Admiral Cowles, who will assume command of the Pacific fleet the latter part of this month at San Francisco. The big ship is now in the drydock undergoing repairs because of a mysterious accident which damaged a portion of the hull plates and bent many of the frames.

Admiral Cowles stated yesterday that he had been advised of the condition of the vessel, but he will use the California as his flagship when she is again available for duty. He will hoist his flag temporarily over another cruiser of the fleet.

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Moore Due on Eighteenth.

Admiral C. B. T. Moore, U. S. N., who has been commandant at Cavite and Olongapo stations in the Philippines, will arrive here from Manila on February 18 to relieve Admiral Cowles in command of the Honolulu and Pearl Harbor stations.

On February 20 in the presence of invited guests of both admirals and the officers of the station, and with a marine guard drawn up, Rear Admiral Cowles will read his order assigning him as commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, and will then haul down his flag. Rear Admiral Moore will read his orders assigning him to command here and will hoist his own two-starred flag. Admiral Cowles came to Honolulu as Captain Cowles, receiving his promotion later.

WANT REGULAR TO HEAD GUARD

Ex-Soldiers Would Reenter Ranks If There Were Chance to Learn Something.

One of the considerations which a number of prospective guardsmen are giving to the question of enlisting in the First Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii, is that of the colonelcy. Many of those approached about enlisting favor the plan of the army officials here that a regular army officer be designated for duty with the national guard as colonel as well as a regular in the position of adjutant general.

There are two to three new companies in prospect and at least two of them hinge on the proposition that the commanding officer be a regular army officer, preferably a captain, who will hold the rank of colonel in the guard. With this prospect in view a number of ex-soldiers are quoted as favoring a four with the guard. They express the belief that under a regular army officer they will be able to learn much concerning military duties to which they are already accustomed. On the other hand if a civilian is at the head of the guard they do not believe they will learn much, unless that officer is an exceptionally skilful man.

Although there is considerable talk of forming a reserve, it is believed the reserve men would favor a four in the national guard, thereby keeping in touch with military matters, both regular and militia.

Because August Martens placed a field of his neighbor, Jacob Meisel, in the "farming way," the latter has sued him for \$500, at South Bend, Indiana. Meisel said the alleged party plowing ruined the stage in this field.

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STABBED FELLOW GAMBLER.

A Japanese was seriously wounded by a fellow-countryman at Kawaia, Hawaii, last Saturday noon. Both were working on the railroad extension. They were enjoying the noon rest by playing a game of craps. The man who lost refused to dig up, and, when an altercation ensued, he finally stabbed the winner in the side with a knife made from a file. The injured man is in a precarious condition. The assailant is being held in the Laupahoehoe jail.

BRONCHO BUSTER HURT.

George Lindsay, the head horse wrangler of the Parker ranch, was badly injured at Waiman last Friday, when he fell to the ground with a horse which he was breaking. The animal reared and fell on its back. Lindsay broke his jaw and his nose and received many other injuries. He has been brought to Honolulu for treatment.